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Information circular*

To: Members of the staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management

Subject: **Preparations for a possible transit strike**

1. The Secretariat has received from the United States Mission to the United Nations a note verbale dated 13 December 2005 in which it informs the Secretariat of preparations being made in the event of a strike by New York City transit workers.

2. The text of the note verbale is set out in the annex to the present circular.

* The present circular will be in effect until further notice.

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Annex

Note verbale dated 13 December 2005 from the United States Mission to the United Nations

The United States Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions and the Offices of the Permanent Observers to the United Nations, and to the United Nations Secretariat, and has the honour to refer to preparations for a possible transit strike which could begin at 12.01 a.m. on Friday, 16 December 2005.

The United States Mission urges all members of the United Nations diplomatic community in New York to abide by all directives issued by New York City officials during a period of common emergency. If there is a transit strike, some streets will be closed to regular vehicular traffic, parking on some streets will be prohibited, and cars entering Manhattan during the weekdays over the bridges and through the tunnels will be required to have four passengers, as will cars driving south of 96th Street.

The Permanent Missions, the Offices of the Permanent Observers and the United Nations itself are asked to give their full cooperation to the City of New York as it takes steps to protect public health and safety. For updated guidance regarding the possible strike by the Transport Workers Union, missions may either call 311 — New York City's public information line — or visit the City's website: www.nyc.gov.